

learn that it was something he “had to do.” For Hal, law enforcement was about more than solving crimes; he recognized the role of the community in deterring criminal activity. To foster that engagement, Hal began mentoring youth as one of Louisiana’s first Drug Abuse Resistance Education—DARE—officers. To this day, that post remains a source of great pride for him.

Hal’s passion for law enforcement and service fueled participation on numerous LSA boards as well as the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice. In 2001, Hal achieved the highest honor awarded to a Louisiana sheriff—president of the LSA. Because of his effectiveness as a leader and continued advocacy for the sheriffs, this part-time role soon became a full-time position. Hal took the helm as executive director in 2004.

As executive director, Hal ensured that the LSA was prepared for the challenges of the 21st century. Some of his initiatives included the promotion of the Sex Offenders Tracking Web-Site, establishing Louisiana as one of the first States to take advantage of this National Precursor Log Exchange, NPLeX, and launching the Louisiana Methamphetamine Task Force, a project I was proud to help Hal accomplish.

During his tenure Hal and his sheriffs were tested in unprecedented ways, but his dedication to agency coordination allowed the sheriffs to utilize their unique role as both law enforcement and first responders throughout the State. This role was particularly clear during both hurricanes Katrina and Rita. As my colleagues know, August 2005 saw the worst natural disaster in the gulf coast’s history. For me, the response to these disasters revealed the depth of Hal’s character. Even under the most difficult of circumstances, he responded calmly, and continued to work for the people of Louisiana. Hal’s unfailing support during these disasters, and his efforts to coordinate with State and local law enforcement made our State’s response measures as effective as those circumstances would permit.

I could go on and on about Hal: from his efforts during other hurricanes to his work during catastrophic oil spills in the Gulf of Mexico. However, I know that I could never fully express what Hal has done for the people of Louisiana. Hal will always be remembered as the reliable voice of fortitude for and on the behalf of the Louisiana sheriffs. We will surely miss him but can take great comfort knowing that his wonderful wife Kathy and five grandchildren will be spending more time with their “Paw Paw.” I wish my friend all the best in his retirement and thank him for his steadfast duty to our great State.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:35 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by

Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 793. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 12781 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard in Inverness, California, as the “Specialist Jake Robert Velloza Post Office”.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 27. Concurrent resolution providing for the acceptance of a statue of Gerald R. Ford from the people of Michigan for placement in the United States Capitol.

At 3:54 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.J. Res. 48. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2011, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 30. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 793. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 12781 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard in Inverness, California, as the “Specialist Jake Robert Velloza Post Office”, to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following joint resolution was read the first time:

H.J. Res. 48. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2011, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-882. A communication from the Secretary of the Commission, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Reporting Certain Post-Enactment Swap Transactions” ((17 CFR Part 44)(RIN3038-AD29)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-883. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Defense Federal Acquisition Regula-

tion Supplement; Ownership or Control by a Foreign Government” (DFARS Case 2010-D010) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 5, 2011; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-884. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Thomas G. Miller, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-885. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of (3) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-886. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of (6) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-887. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Cooperative Threat Reduction Programs; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-888. A communication from the Legal Information Assistant, Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Community Reinvestment Act—Community Development” (RIN1550-AB48) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-889. A communication from the Legal Information Assistant, Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Personal Transactions in Securities” (RIN1550-AC16) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-890. A communication from the Legal Information Assistant, Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Stock Benefit Plans in Mutual-to-Stock Conversions and Mutual Holding Company Structures” (RIN1550-AC07) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-891. A communication from the Legal Information Assistant, Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Permissible Activities of Savings and Loan Holding Companies” (RIN1550-AC10) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-892. A communication from the Legal Information Assistant, Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Prohibited Service at Savings and Loan Holding Companies” (RIN1550-AC14) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-893. A communication from the Legal Information Assistant, Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of